

# EXHIBIT

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 AND  
APPOINTMENT OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare the following:

► My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

► I believe that I am an original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on an invention entitled  
"HARD TURNING"  
the specification of which: (check one)

☒ is attached hereto  
was filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
as application number \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

► I authorize my below-named attorneys to indicate in the spaces above whether the invention is described and claimed in an attached specification and to provide and enter the filing date and serial number of any corresponding U.S. patent application, if previously filed, and the date of any amendment made thereto without further authorization from me:

► I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred-to above.

► I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

► I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sections 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)		Priority Claimed	
9912893.6	GB	06/04/99	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number	Country	Filing Date (Month/Day/Year)	Yes
PCT/GB00/01821	WO	05/12/00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number	Country	Filing Date (Month/Day/Year)	No

► I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or other PCT international filing date of this application:

Application	Filing Date	Status
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► I hereby claim domestic priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States Provisional Patent Application(s) listed below:

Application Number

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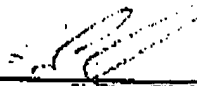
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► I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like are made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issued thereon.

► I hereby appoint the following individuals, as my attorneys, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: M. Michael Carpenter, Registration No. 22,790; Brian L. Ribando, Registration No. 27,109; and, Daniel C. Stelter, Registration No. 40,830.

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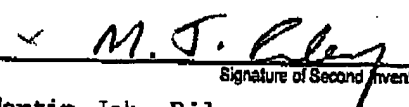
  
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